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Litig releases Suppliers Charter – 14th October 2008

Over the last few months, Litig members have developed a Supplier's Charter which is now being released.

Litig members have pooled their knowledge on some of the best and worst actions of Legal IT suppliers. The objective of the Charter is not to criticise but more to present a statement of what good practice looks like.

The Charter has been kept deliberately short and sets out best practice in relation to a range of areas such as invitations, road maps, user groups and lines of communication. It is for individual Litig members to agree with their suppliers whether they wish the Suppliers Charter to govern their relationship but it is hoped that it will be fairly widely adopted. It is beneficial to both law firms and suppliers. For suppliers it concisely sets out what many Litig members want.

“Derek Southall, Chairman of Litig and Partner and Head of Strategic Development at Wragge & Co LLP said “this is a fantastic opportunity for both law firms and their suppliers to raise the bar in relation to how well they work together. It is key to the quality of service which we collectively provide. When discussing the content of the Charter the Litig members were amazed by how many common themes emerged. If a supplier can comply with all of the elements of the Charter they will have some very happy clients”.

Law firms and suppliers will obviously also have individual preferences but it is hoped that the Suppliers Charter will make a material contribution to improving relationships.

Litig see that the Charter as being potentially organic. If anyone has any comments we would be delighted to hear them.

Please contact Derek Southall, Chairman of Litig in relation to any queries.

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Derek Southall (Chair) on behalf of Litig:

Litig ('Legal IT Innovators Group') was originally formed in late 2002 to comment and advise on the potential value and use of an integrated matter management/workflow system across all desktops within a law firm. Following successful conclusion of this initiative, the group created its own independent structure and is funded by its members, who are responsible for over 35,000 legal IT users.

A strictly non-sales environment, Litig currently has 36 members from 35 firms/organisations which include law firms with UK fees from £3m to over £300m plus representatives from leading in house legal departments, all with a keen interest in UK legal IT issues.

Litig operates at a strategic rather than operational level, meets for a whole day each quarter (at one of its member's offices) and has had/given presentations on topics such as:

- Electronic Billing (from the in house legal client's perspective & required UK standards)
- Electronic Files
- Electronic Taxonomies to transfer information
- XML standards (such as LSSA and PISCES)
- Legal IT trends & priorities
- The effect of the 'Statutory Imperative' caused by government initiatives
- E conveyancing
- The strengths and weaknesses of Legal IT finance systems
- Digital Rights Management

Litig are keen to work with existing legal sector bodies (such as The Law Society or Society for Computers & Law) in order to pursue a co-ordinated approach, support other groups and avoid duplication of effort.

If you are interested in finding out more about LITIG or would like to become a member – please visit the Litig web site www.Litig.org, contact Litig via mail@Litig.org or call Derek Southall (Chair and Director) on 0870 733 0573, Peter Owen (Director and Secretary) on 0121 706 1755, Rosemary Kind (Director) on 07712 647754 or Graeme Low (Director) on 01223 222452.